

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7118

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Westview Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of this nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact on forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of people in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dynamic and historic community of faith is Westview Missionary Baptist Church, whose members celebrated the church's seventy-fifth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Westview Missionary Baptist Church was organized on June 1, 1948; the original building was located on Rosedale Avenue, and the church's first pastor was Reverend Clarence Elkins; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, the present church building located on Lennie Avenue was completed, and the first service was held on Sunday, November 15, with Reverend Carroll Self serving as pastor; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of current pastor Reverend Travis Webb, the church celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on June 4, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Westview Missionary Baptist Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for seventy-five years, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of its community; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the church's faith, leadership, and strength of its members, the church has persevered and continues to grow; it is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive social change in our State and nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Westview Missionary Baptist Church upon the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary, thank the good people of its congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.